THE TERRIBLE FLOOD OF 1913

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OF THE

TERRIBLE FLOOD OF 1913

SHOWING SCENES IN

MANY OHIO AND INDIANA CITIES

PROPERTY LOSS ESTIMATED AT $500,000,000

LOSS OF LIFE HUNDREDS—POSSIBLY THOUSANDS

HALF MILLION PEOPLE HOMELESS

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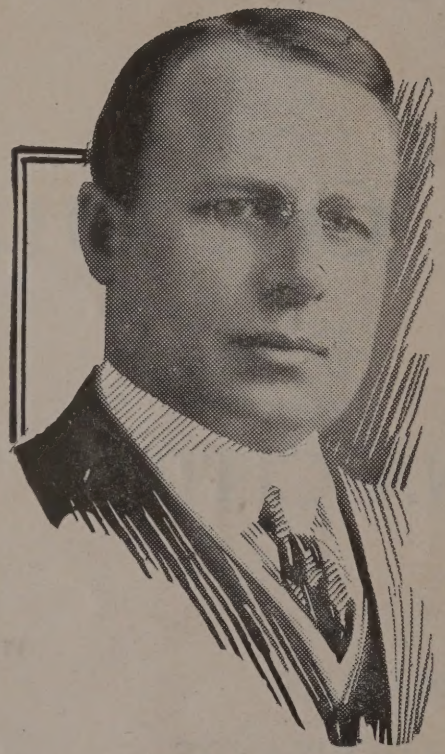


HON. JAMES M. COX,
Governor of Ohio.

NOT since the late war of '61 between the states, have the people of this country been so overwhelmed and grief stricken as at the present time. The year 1913 will go down in history. A disaster has taken place. The San Francisco Earthquake, the Johnstown Flood, or the Titanic Disaster were nothing compared to this terrible calamity. Words or printer's ink are inadequate to describe, even in a small way, the horrible details. Little did the people of Ohio, the fourth state of the Union, the mother of Presidents, when they retired for the night on Monday, March 24th, dream what the next day would bring forth. A terrible flood swept over them and hundreds, probably thousands, were licked up by the hungry waters, or left to die in burning buildings, with every avenue of escape cut off. Who ever thought that Columbus, the Capital City of Ohio, with a population of 200,000 souls, or Dayton with 150,000 people, would ever face a situation like this? No living being can tell how many lives were swept into eternity. Governor Cox of Ohio, John Patterson of Dayton and Robert Wolfe of Columbus are the heroes of the day. Through their efforts thousands of the homeless have been cared for. The President of the United States, as well as the people thereof, have responded nobly to the call for help. The loss of life in Ohio will be enormous. The property loss will run into the hundreds of millions of dollars, probably more than the combined losses of the San Francisco Earthquake, the Johnstown Flood and the Titanic Disaster. Whole families are wiped out of existence. Babies wrenched from the arms of their mothers by the angry, growling waters, never to return. Men, women and children, clinging to house tops and limbs of trees, drop in a watery grave after energy gives way. Houses and street cars and whole trains picked up and carried miles away. Little children left fatherless and motherless. Big skyscrapers tumble and fall as the mad torrents sweep by. Big blocks catch fire and burn to the water's edge. The streets of big cities like Columbus and Dayton resemble the frothing, swirling waters of the Mississippi or the Nile. Tongue is inadequate to describe it. MAY IT NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

Fire Adds to the Horror. Dayton, Ohio, Ruins.

Rescuing Children from One of Dayton's High Schools.

West Rich Street, Columbus, O.—X—Two Kittens in Window Waiting to be Rescued.

Scene at Mitchell Street, Columbus, Ohio—Launching of Relief Boats.

Rescue Work Near Hocking Valley Tracks, Columbus, Ohio.

Life Saving Crew from Buckeye Lake, Ohio.

Scene Rear of Doddington Mills, Columbus, Ohio, and T. & O. C. Tracks.

Scores of Men and Boys Escaped to Places of Safety by Shinning up Telephone Poles in Dayton, Ohio.

People Marooned on House Tops, Delaware, Ohio. Soon After this Picture Was Taken the Building Collapsed and Several Were Drowned.

Debris in May Ave., Columbus, Ohio—Scene of Many Rescues.

The Last View of the State Street Bridge, Columbus, O., Before It Went Down.

Town St. Bridge, Columbus, O., Caught by Camera Just as it was Going Down.

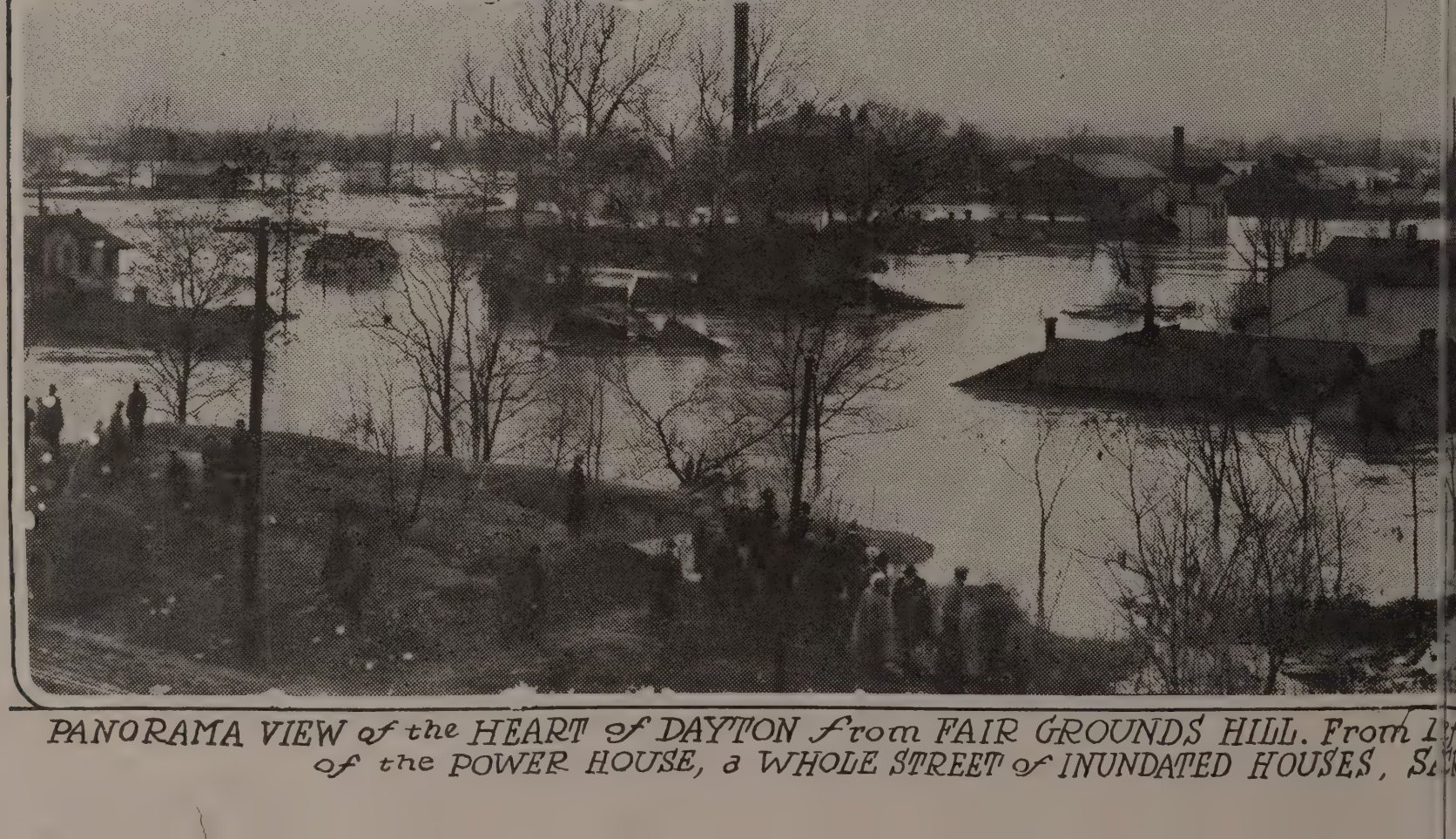
Scene of Desolation Below the Hilltop, Columbus, Ohio.

A Gem City Office Building Burns to Water's Edge.

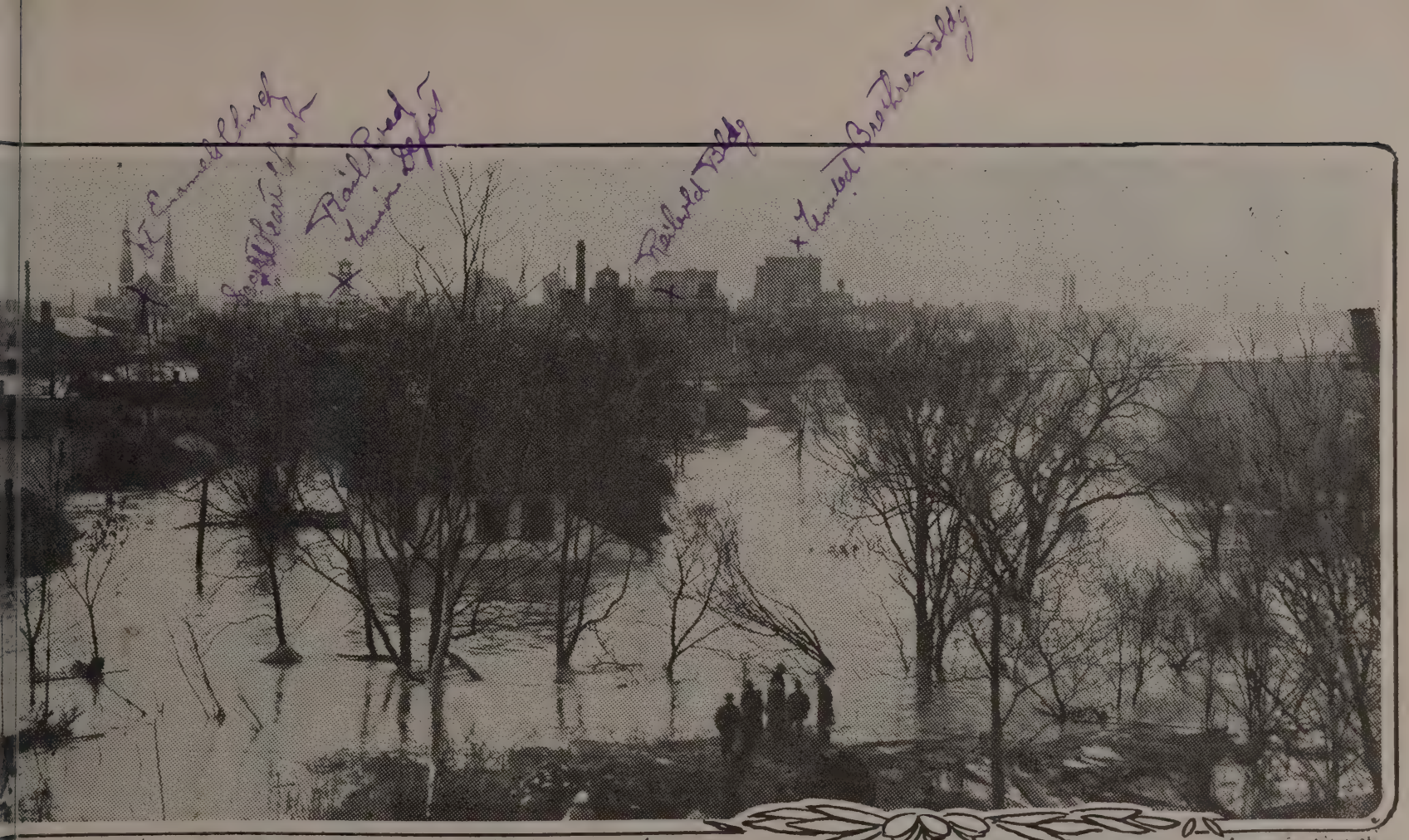
37th Jefferson to St Clair St both sides of street about 5 blocks in this district

Landing of Refugees from the Flood.

Embankment Gives Way, Allowing the Mad Waters to Rush Through.



PANORAMA VIEW of the HEART of DAYTON from FAIR GROUNDS HILL. From l
of the POWER HOUSE, a WHOLE STREET of INUNDATED HOUSES, S



Left to Right FLOODED HOUSES, AN ISLAND with FIVE HORSES STRANDED, SMOKESTACK SACRED HEART CHURCH, UNITED BRETHREN and REIBOLD BUILDINGS

Big Buildings Suffered as Well as the Small Ones.

Steel High School
North Main St near Soldiers Memorial

Glenwood Ave., Columbus, Ohio, in the Track of the Flood's Fullest Sweep.

Flood Scene in Hamilton, Ohio, Where Over 100 People Perished.

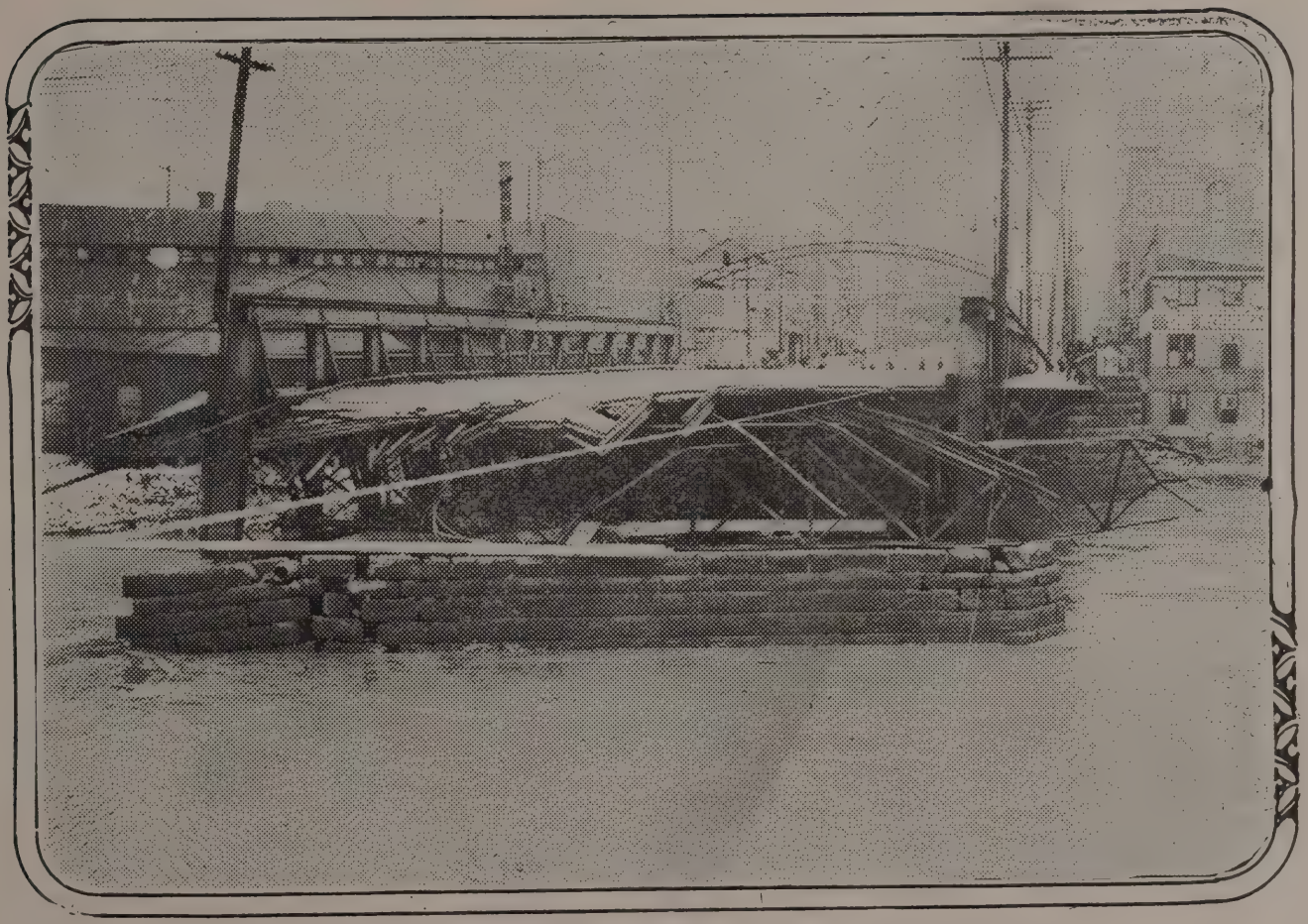
McDowell Street, Columbus, Ohio, Showing Condition of Street After Flood.

Bridge at Mound St., Columbus, Ohio, Showing Stage of Flood at Its Crest.

West Rich Street, Columbus, Ohio—Rescuing an Aged Couple.

Spiritualist Church, Columbus, Ohio, One of the Places of Refuge.

Showing Wreckage in Streets, Dayton, Ohio.



View of Remaining Portion of Broad Street Bridge, Columbus, Ohio.

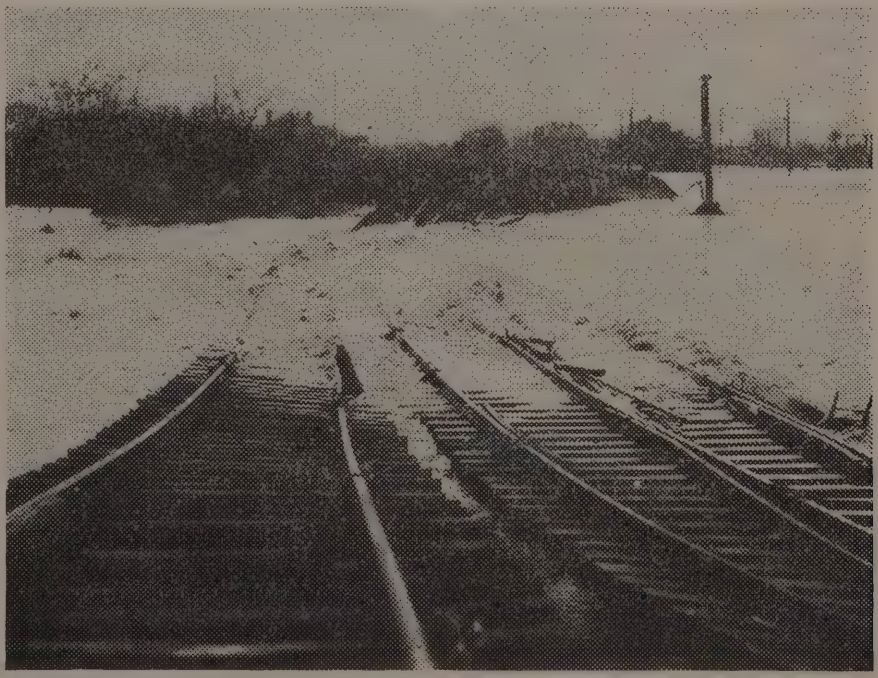
Sullivant Ave., Columbus, Ohio, After Water Had Gone Down.

Martin Ave., Columbus, Ohio, After the Flood.

A Freak of the Flood. Cypress Ave., Columbus, O.

Showing Havoc of Waters on West Side, Columbus, Ohio.

T. & O. C. and Hocking Valley Bridges, Columbus, Ohio.



Little Miami Tracks, Columbus, Ohio, Under Water.

Scene in Zanesville, Ohio, Where Many Lives Were Lost.

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